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LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG FACES.

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WASHINGTON, December 2.—The Fifty-fourth Congress opened on Monday, December 2, at noon, with the usual ceremonies. The deliberations in the Senate were conducted with historical dignity, while the opening in the Lower House took on the same animated appearance that has always characterized its sessions.

The Senate was called to order by Vice-President Stevenson, and the House by James Kerr, clerk of the last House, the gavel in each chamber falling at the same instant on the stroke of 12 o'clock. Fifteen New Senators were to be seen in the Upper House, and six or eight times that many in the Lower House. One of the most notable features of the opening of the House of Representatives was the large number of young faces to be seen. In point of age, the present House is the youngest in the history of the American Congress.

Congressman Grosvenor, of Ohio, placed T. B. Reed's name in nomination for Speaker of the House. Sayer, of Texas, followed in close order with the name ex-Speaker Crisp. Then came Congressman Kern, of Nebraska, with the name of John C. Bell, of Colorado, a Populist.

All the Republicans voted for Mr. Reed, all the Democrats for Mr. Crisp and all the Populists for Mr. Bell, with one exception. That one exception was Mr. Crain of Texas, who voted for Congressman Culberson of that State.

When the result was announced Mr. Reed had a clean majority of 132, and the galleries showed their appreciation by tremendous applause. They became even more demonstrative a few minutes later when Mr. Reed was escorted into the chamber on the arm of ex-Speaker Crisp, followed by Congressman Bell and Grosvenor, who had been appointed a committee to usher him to the seat of honor.

In accepting the speakership Mr. Reed said: "It will not be surprising to me, I hope, if I acknowledge to this assembly that it is very agreeable to me to stand once more in the place I left four years ago. Of the past, however, I will not speak, for the past speaks for itself in terms more fitting and appropriate than any words that could come from my lips."

"Nor shall I speak of the future, for we are not putting off the harness, but putting it on. Yet I think I may venture to say of the future, in the light of the past, that if we do something which for the moment seems inadequate, it may be that time, which has justified itself for us on many occasions, may do so again. Those who have acted with wisdom heretofore may be fairly expected to act with wisdom hereafter."

"I am sorry to say the pleasure as associated with the honor you have bestowed on me, an honor no American citizen can fail to appreciate, and for which I give thanks, is but for a moment or so, while the cares and responsibilities extend over many days."

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BASEBALL FOR AUSTRALIA.
An American Team to Go Over Next Winter.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1.—In the winter of 1896-97 Australia is to have another invasion of American ball players similar to the trip taken by the teams under the management of Al Spalding several years ago. At the head of the management of the tour will be James H. Manning, manager of the Kansas City Baseball Club, and Frank Selee, manager of the Boston National League game.

Immediately after the close of the playing season of 1896 Manning and Selee will make up two teams, composed of star players of the National League, and will begin the tour by playing a number of games in this country. The opening game will be played in Kansas City about the first Sunday in October, 1896. From Kansas City the teams will work westward, putting in a week between here and Denver, playing in the more important Kansas cities. The second Sunday game will be played at Denver, and another week will be put in between Denver and San Francisco, where the aggregation will stop long enough to play several games between themselves and with picked California teams. It is not the intention to take two teams to Australia, so one of the teams will be disbanded at San Francisco and a picked team of ten men in charge of Manager Selee will sail for Australia about November 1, 1896.

CRUISE OF THE CORONET.
To Observe the Eclipse of the Sun From Coast of Japan.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The schooner yacht Coronet, owned by D. Williams James and his son, Arthur Curtis James, which defeated the schooner yacht Dauntless in a midwinter race across the Atlantic in 1886, and which has sailed around the world, is being fitted out for a scientific expedition to the coast of Japan.

On the afternoon of August 9th next, at 3 o'clock, there will be a total eclipse of the sun which will not be visible in this part of the globe, and it is for the purpose of observing this phenomenon that the expedition is being fitted out.

The chief observer of the expedition will be Professor David Todd, the eminent astronomer of Amherst College, who has been sent out by the United States Government at various times to distant parts to take astronomical observations.

The yacht will sail from New York early next week around Cape Horn bound for San Francisco. Here she will be met by the members of the expedition early in April, and the long cruise to the coast of Japan will begin. The Coronet will touch at the Hawaiian Islands, after which there will be no interruption in the voyage.

DUMAS' WORK ENDED.
Death of the Distinguished Author and Dramatist.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—Alexander Dumas, the author and dramatist, is dead.

Early in the evening M. Dumas rallied enough to create a belief that he would live at least several hours. About 7 o'clock he asked for tea, which was given him. He then had sufficient strength to raise the curtain of his bed without assistance. Shortly after he had nervous convulsion and died very suddenly. A number of relatives were present.

President Faure received the news while attending a performance at the Theatre Francaise and immediately left the theatre.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The funeral of Alexander Dumas took place here today. The streets surrounding the residence were crowded with people. Before the coffin was placed on the bier a great many wreaths sent from friends were put upon two special cars.

No Advance in Sugar.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—President Havemeyer of the American Sugar Refining Company does not expect to see any advance in the price of refined sugar on account of the destructive work in the Cuban plantations. "The visible supply of raw sugar in the world at the present time," explained President Havemeyer today, "is 600,000 tons more than it was at the same time a year ago."

Jabez Balfour's Sentence.
LONDON, Nov. 29.—Sentences were pronounced yesterday on Jabez Balfour, George Edward Brock and Merrill Theobald, convicted of fraud. Balfour was sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude and Brock and Theobald to nine and four months respectively.